



January 12, 2015
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060
Meeting Minutes

***Activate NCTV Camera to Record Meeting**

1. Members present/absent: Councilor David A. Murphy, Councilor Maureen Carney, Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell
2. Meeting Called to Order: Councilor Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
3. Announcement of Audio/Video Recording of Meeting: Councilor Murphy announced that the meeting would be video and audio taped.
4. Approve Minutes of the December 8, 2014: A motion to approve minutes was made by Councilor O'Donnell; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The minutes were approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.
5. Ordinance 14.331 Ordinance Pertaining to Site-Plan Review for Stormwater as part of the site-plan review process *(Referred from City Council Meeting on Dec. 18, 2014)*

This revision would add specific language regarding the use of Best Management Practices for Stormwater Facilities. While all requirements are currently asked of project plans, the requirements are not codified. The idea is to specify that green infrastructure and low-impact designs for stormwater management are preferred and that projects should incorporate BMP for all stormwater and other water management programs.

Since the agenda did not specify that a Public Hearing was planned for this item, the Public Hearing will be continued (without opening at this meeting) to the next Committee on Rules, Orders, Appointments and Ordinances meeting on February 9, 2015 at 5:00pm.

6. Ordinance 14.333 Flood Control Utility Fee *(Referred from City Council Meeting on Dec. 18, 2014)*

This ordinance applies to condominium owners. The City Solicitor would like to review the Ordinance, therefore Councilor Carney moved to postpone review of the Ordinance until the Feb. 9, 2015 meeting; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

7. Ordinance 14.343 – Ordinance to correct Errors in Section 312 *(Referred from City Council Meeting on Dec. 18, 2014)*

The Ordinance corrects a number of errors currently in the code, including an incorrect section reference, incorrect time increments, typographical errors, and an incorrect parking space size. Councilor O'Donnell is also recommending a wording change to the preface section in order to provide clarity on the applicability of the Ordinance. Councilor O'Donnell moved to return the Ordinance to the City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

8. Appointments:
New Appointment to the CPC: Toni Hochstadt

Councilor Carney moved to return the Community Preservation Committee appointment of Toni Hochstadt to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor O'Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

New Appointment to the Northampton Arts Council

Councilor O'Donnell moved to return the Northampton Arts Council appointment of Esther White to City Council with a positive recommendation; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

9. Councilor O'Donnell moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm; Councilor Carney seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a voice vote of 3 Yes, 0 No.

*Contact:
Pamela L. Powers
Clerk to the City Council
ppowers@northamptonma.gov
413-587-1224*